

# BRENT CYCLISTS

## MINUTES OF MEETING 01 JULY 2009

Present:

Ben Tansley, Davis Arditti, , Ian Saville, Stephen Thwaites, Colin Murphy

### 1. Matters arising from previous minutes

-Ian was unable to contact Ride4Life but will try again via Willesden Cycling Club.

-Queensbury Eco Festival – we acquired a pasting table and 2 folding chairs. Met MP for Brent North, Barry Gardner. **Action- follow up cutbacks to cycling staff at council.**

-Gladstonbury Festival was a success, photo opportunity with Sarah Teather MP.

-Publicity Expenditure- Ben has E-mailed Claire (designer) about new leaflets. David said he will write text, which is rather dry at present.

-Maintenance workshop- **Action- Ian will look into rates at Charteris Sports centre.**

Format of the session was discussed, Hackney group have wheel truing etc but are well established; it was felt that self-help with guidance covering basics such as ‘get you home’ tuition would be better.

Brent Cross Cricklewood- David has replied to BXC following their response which did not mention cycle highway 11 which will pass through Brent Cross. Ben said that Mike Evans (senior sustainable transport officer at Brent council) has forwarded BXC response to Barnet among others, in view of the impact of traffic on Brent. Ian said that Sarah Teather thinks Boris Johnson supports BXC as it stands.

BXC being ‘called in’ for review by the secretary of state may be the only chance of amendments being made to the scheme.

Stephen contacted councillor Rob Pagnamenta to arrange a meeting but has not yet had a response- unclear if he is a cycling champion. **Action- Stephen will contact again.**

### 2. Feedback on new website.

All agreed that the new website set up by Ian is excellent. David felt that as much content as possible ought to be public, and would like to see reports etc in addition to blogs, forums etc. Ian asked for the minutes to be on the website in pdf format.



### 3. A5 barnet Interchange

Response from Barnet was that Brent & Harrow councils had no objections to this scheme, though David thought Brent had objected. There was no mention of cycling in the proposals.

### 4. Attracting more members to meetings

It was felt that 18:30 start might be too early for members who are commuting, and that meetings should therefore be advertised as Committee or Business meeting starting at 18:30 (all welcome) and General meeting starting at 19:30. It was agreed that the August meeting will include a maintenance 'workshop' session at 19:30. **Action-** *David will contact newsletter, Ben will post this on website*

